

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Agency 110

Office of Administrative Hearings

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2009-11 Expenditure Authority	167.1		34,028	34,028
Total Maintenance Level	169.1		36,359	36,359
Difference	2.0		2,331	2,331
Percent Change from Current Biennium	1.2%		6.9%	6.9%
Performance Changes				
Administrative Hearings Rate Decrease	(12.3)		(2,079)	(2,079)
Suspend Plan 1 Uniform COLA #			(403)	(403)
State Data Center Rate Increase			113	113
Subtotal	(12.3)		(2,369)	(2,369)
Total Proposed Budget	156.8		33,990	33,990
Difference	(10.3)		(38)	(38)
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(6.2)%		(0.1)%	(0.1)%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Administrative Hearings	156.8		33,990	33,990
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PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Administrative Hearings Rate Decrease

The agency will eliminate two staff positions by utilizing the Office of Financial Management's Small Agency Client Services for accounting services and the Department of Personnel for human resource services. Also, the agency will eliminate seven Administrative Law Judge positions and three associated support staff positions. The savings will be passed on to client agencies as a central service rate reduction. (Administrative Hearings Revolving Account-State)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

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Administrative Hearings

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) resolves administrative disputes between members of the public and most state agencies. Issues that come before OAH include requests for unemployment insurance or public assistance benefits, child and vulnerable adult abuse concerns, child support liability, business and professional licensing (ranging from electrical contractors to nursing homes and daycare facilities), special education, whistleblower cases for local governments, and other disputes in which due process of law requires a hearing. At hearing, the participants present evidence and testimony. At the conclusion of the hearing, an administrative law judge issues a written order containing findings of fact and conclusions of law on all contested issues. The agency's services are funded by payments made by the affected client agency.